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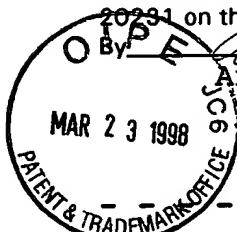
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FOR: MUTATED 5-ENOL PYRUVYL SHIKIMATE-
3-PHOSPHATE SYNTHASE, GENE CODING
FOR SAID PROTEIN AND TRANSFORMED
PLANTS CONTAINING SAID GENE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, Applicants submit information currently known to Applicants which may be material to examination of this application. Copies of references are provided, and each reference is listed in the accompanying PTO 1449 form.

On January 15, 1998, Applicants transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office an English language copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report. The references cited in that report are included in this submission, as are additional references.

Applicants call attention to WO 95/06128 (DeKalb Genetics Corporation), and in particular, page 119, 2d paragraph of that reference. This reference is not admitted to be prior art against the present application. Note that the publication date of the reference (March 2, 1995) is less than one year prior to the priority date (effective filing date) of the present application (July 19, 1995).

No fee is believed to be required by this submission, since no action on the merits has yet issued. If any fee is required, however, authorization is given to charge the account of the undersigned attorneys, Account No. 03-2775.

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